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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

According to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)

Sir:

15 In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98, Applicant respectfully requests that a citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO 1449 form be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

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- (3) the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits.

**REMARKS**

The attached PTO 1449 form lists related art references. A copy of each reference is enclosed herewith.

5           AA           U.S. Patent 5,579,324  
          AE           Swiss Patent CH 682 277  
          AF           European reference EP 0 476 444  
          AG           European reference EP 0 262 457

**Explanation of Relevance**

10           References AA and AE were cited in the International Search Report and their relevance discussed in the specification. References AF and AG were cited in the priority application proceedings. References AE and AG are in German--English language translations of the abstracts have been provided, and a full translation will be produced for the Examiner upon request.

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